**Essay Proposal**

Limit yourself to one page, single spaced (no more than 500 words).

Due Monday, March 26, 2012. Email this to your instructor.

**Subject of my paper:** [This is the broad topic.]

**Why am I writing about this topic and how will it be beneficial to me:** [If you are not vested in your topic, chances are your incentive to write about the subject will be weak. If you are interested in the topic you will probably write a better paper.]

**My thesis:** [The thesisis generally a sentence or two**,** which comes after the introductory material and states the main point/s in your paper.  It **is NOT** a question. If your subject is fertility treatments, for example, your thesis might be "The high number of multiple births is forcing society to examine the ethical issues that are caused by fertility drugs and invitro fertilization.]

**Approach to the subject of my paper:** [Try toenvision a logical way in which to present your material. In what order will you present your material to best address the issues? Will you have to define any terms? If so, which ones? Will you have to clarify terms and concepts? Do you think that inserting anecdotal evidence will help your reader understand your paper? Will you show opposing viewpoints? Will you discuss the plusses and minuses of different platforms that perform similar functions? Will you be comparing and contrasting? Will you be categorizing some information? Perhaps you will be using a number of these approaches in your paper. Let me know where you think you are headed.]

**Intended audience:** [Assume that your readers have, in general, your level of education. You will have to define terms and explain concepts. But beyond these obvious ground rules, discuss what people or group of people might benefit from reading your paper.]

**Documentation Style:** [APA is preferred, but if you want to use another form, explain which you are planning to use and why.]

**Kinds of sources I will use and why they will benefit my paper:** [ Do you have a balanced variety of sources?  What strengths will they lend to the paper?  How will they help clarify points you want to make?Use a combination of sources. Do not use all Internet sources. Some of your sources must be from a professional journal, such as a nursing journal, a computer science or engineering journal.Some high end general audience publications such as ***Scientific American,*** or ***PC Computing*** can be used. Internet sources can be used if they are from credible sites such as the National Institute of Health, The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). See a list of [Internet resources](http://mason.gmu.edu/%7Emontecin/disciplines.htm) by discipline (http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/disciplines.htm) and do your own searches for other resources.]